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HOUSE BILL No. 1561

DIGEST OF HB 1561 (Updated February 2, 2005 5:56 pm - DI 107)

Citations Affected: IC 12-10; IC 14-19.

Synopsis: Golden Hoosier discount and passport cards. Establishes the golden Hoosier discount card program within the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services. Allows residents who are at least 60 years of age or disabled to obtain a golden Hoosier discount card and obtain discounts from participating organizations. Specifies that a resident who is eligible for a disabled veteran license plate may not be charged a fee for a golden Hoosier passport. Makes technical changes.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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January 18, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

February 8, 2005, reported — Do Pass; referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-10-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2005]:

4 **Chapter 18. Golden Hoosier Discount Card Program**

5 **Sec. 1. The golden Hoosier discount card program is established.**
6 **The division shall administer the program and shall do the**
7 **following:**

8 **(1) Provide a golden Hoosier discount card to each Indiana**
9 **resident who applies for the card and who:**

10 **(A) is at least sixty (60) years of age; or**

11 **(B) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially**
12 **limits one (1) or more of the person's major life activities.**

13 **(2) Arrange programs with public and private organizations**
14 **that provide benefits to individuals who use a golden Hoosier**
15 **discount card, including discounted entrance fees at state**
16 **parks, recreation areas, reservoirs, forests, historic sites,**
17 **museums, memorials, and other state properties at which a**

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fee is charged for admission.

(3) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that are necessary to implement the golden Hoosier discount card program.

Sec. 2. (a) A golden Hoosier discount card must display the signature of the cardholder and any other information required by the division. The card may not have an expiration date.

(b) A golden Hoosier discount card issued under this chapter is not transferable and may be used only by the original cardholder.

(c) An individual who loses a golden Hoosier discount card issued under this chapter may apply to the division and obtain a replacement card.

Sec. 3. A golden Hoosier discount cardholder is entitled to any benefit offered by a participating organization under the golden Hoosier discount card program to the extent agreed to by the organization.

SECTION 2. IC 14-19-3-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 4. (a) Upon application to the department, a resident of Indiana:

(1) who

(A) if born in 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, or 1937, is at least sixty (60) years of age; or

(B) if born before 1933 or after 1937, is at least sixty-five (65) years of age;

(2) who is eligible for Social Security disability payments under 42 U.S.C. 401;

(3) who is eligible for a disabled veteran license plate under IC 9-18-18-1; or

(4) who is issued a prisoner of war license plate under IC 9-18-17-1;

may purchase or is eligible to receive an annual golden Hosier passport.

(b) A golden Hoosier passport entitles:

(1) the resident;

(2) the resident's motor vehicle; and

(3) the resident's passengers;

to unlimited admission for one (1) calendar year to the Indiana state parks, recreation areas, reservoirs, forests, historic sites, museums, memorials, and other department properties for which admission is charged during the year for which the passport was issued.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the fee for an annual golden Hosier passport issued under this section is fifty percent (50%) of the fee that the department charges a resident who is not described

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1 in subsection ~~(a)(1)~~, ~~(a)(2)~~, or ~~(a)(3)~~; **(a)** for unlimited admission for
2 one (1) calendar year to the Indiana state parks, recreation areas,
3 reservoirs, forests, historic sites, museums, memorials, and other
4 department properties for which admission is charged.

5 (d) A fee may not be charged for an annual golden Hoosier passport
6 issued under this section to a resident described in subsection **(a)(3) or**
7 **(a)(4)**.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1561, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BUDAK, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

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